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Memorandum for the Record

Subject: Conversation With Cong. McCormack

I talked with Cong. McCormack this morning and told him that a group of freshman Republican Congressmen had approached us with a request for a briefing on CIA and that we were acceding to that request this week. However, I said if there were a similar group of freshman Democratic Congressmen we would be very happy to extend an invitation to them for a similar briefing.

Mr. McCormack immediately asked whether we would include Cong. Robert Condon (D., Calif.) in the Democratic group or would find it necessary to bar him. I stated that we would undoubtedly find it necessary to exclude Mr. Condon from any briefing in view of the security problems involved. Mr. McCormack did not disagree with our position in this regard, and in fact expected it as the FBI had alerted him and Speaker Rayburn regarding Cong. Condon in connection with the latter's Committee assignments.

In view of the present political situation in the California primary in which Mr. Condon is involved, as well as Democratic National Committee Chairman Mitchell's recent blast at him, Mr. McCormack thought it might be best if we did not invite any of the freshman Democrats at this time so as not to highlight another security turn-down or embarrass ourselves. He recommended that if any freshman Democrats should approach us for a briefing for the group that we inquire as to whether they have discussed it with the Democratic leadership.

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- Alvin M. Bentley
- Oliver P. Bolton
- Elford A. Cederberg
- Peter Frelinghuysen, Jr.
- Jeffrey P. Milligan
- Joe Holt
- Craig Howmer
- Marvin R. Johnson
- D. Bailey Merrill
- John... [redacted]
- Douglas R. Stringfellow
- Stuyvesant Wainwright, 2d
- Herbert B. Warburton
- Robert C. Wilson
- Clifton Young